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1. Gas masks of the BN type, which were formerly issued to the Soviet Armed Forces, are now called civilian gas masks, type BN. In 1950 this was the sole type issued for civilian use.
2. The rubber head-piece and the corrugated tube from the head-piece to the filter-box are of the same type for all civilian gas masks. The filter-boxes, which are all of the same size and form, are divided, as from 1947, into the following types:

Type of Filter-box	Color of the Filter-box	Intended to Protect Against
BN-A	Brown	Poisonous organic vapors
BN-V	Yellow	Acid gases and organic vapors
BN-G	Yellow and black	Arsenious and phosphorous hydrogen
BN-E	Black	Ammonia
BN-K	Dark green	Ammonic and sulphurated hydrogen
BN-KD	Grey	Carbon oxide
BN-SO	White	All poisonous gases, but does not protect from smoke
BN-M	Red	All poisonous gases, but does not protect from smoke
BN-P	Red with a vertical white stripe	All poisonous gases, vapors, and smoke
BN-T-5 } BN-Tch }	Light green	All poisonous gases and smoke, but does not protect from vapors

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3. For industrial purposes, when a person has to stay in gas, vapor, or smoke for a long time, there exist two types of filter boxes of a larger size bearing the same color intended for protection against the same varieties of poisonous gas, vapor, and smoke. The filter-boxes are of the following types:
- a. BK-A, BK-V, BK-G, etc. (BK - Bolshaya korobka, large box)
  - b. BKF-A, BKF-V, BKF-G, etc. (BKF - Bolshaya patron protivogaza, large filter-box)
4. There is also a similar set of small filter-boxes which are in the same colors. When in use these are screwed directly into the valve box of the head-piece and serve only for a short stay in gas, vapor, smoke, or for passing through gassed places. The filter-boxes are of the following type: MK-A, MK-V, MK-G, MK-E, etc. (MK - Malaya korobka, small box).

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